

Sp. Exploitation Committee
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Directorate of Intelligence, HQs.
Department of the Air Force

ATTENTION: Colonel James T. Bull, AFQIN-LAL

SUBJECT: Orientalia Holdings of the Library of Congress

REFERENCE: Your memorandum dtd 6 November 1956, same subject

1. The Exploitation Subcommittee has considered the proposal of Dr. Burton Atkinson concerning bibliographic control of the Library of Congress collection of captured Japanese documents. No evidence of interest has been expressed by other member agencies in participating in the project.

2. Considerable exploitation was performed on the Japanese documents referred to by Dr. Atkinson and classified reports were issued as a result by the Washington Document Center, predecessor to Foreign Documents Division. At the time of original screening by this unit the best basic material was retained prior to transfer of documents to Library of Congress and is now in the Acquisitions Branch of CIA Library. I believe this is better material than can be found in the Library of Congress collection and would like to suggest that Air Force screen this material before proceeding on Dr. Atkinson's proposal, as I am certain that it contains much information of value to Air Targets.

3. I do not believe that the Library of Congress has any acquisitions of intelligence interest, other than captured documents, which have not been made available to Foreign Documents Division.

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Subcommittee on Exploitation of
Foreign Language Publications